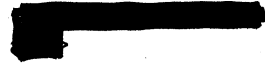




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Sirs:

I am pleased to provide personal input on your planning for the Tuolumne River and Meadows area I am 53 years old and first visited the "Meadows" as a 5 year old kid in 1958. I have traveled throughout the world, visiting many of nature's wonderlands from Gates of the Arctic NP to Guilin, China, and the Tuolumne River from the Mount Lyell area to the upper reaches of the Hetch Hetchy monstrosity is more spectacular, more humbling and more fulfilling to the human spirit than anything I have ever seen

Why I love the Tuolumne

Subalpine Meadows of the upper Tuolumne – Is there anything better than hiking through the upper meadows toward Mt. Lyell in the spring with wildflowers blooming, some chill left in the air and the sound of the river as it meanders along. Only the fall, when the crowds thin and the nighttime temperatures signal the advance of winter can the spring be rivaled

The "Meadows" – For those of us that experienced Tuolumne meadows as kids, the more civilized area of the Meadows is a flashback to those carefree times of one's youth. Fishing the river, the Ranger hikes up Lumbert dome and to Soda Springs for a Kool-Aid treat, learning about the first visitors to the park and the native Americans that lived off the land and hearing the coyotes howl are magical moments that shaped my love of nature to this day.

Wilderness Trails – I began backpacking with my Dad when I was 13. Our first trip was up Lyell canyon where we camped just below Ireland Lake. I vividly remember taking a day hike to Ireland and marveling at the rock strewn glacial tarn. Later in life, the experience of seeing this and other geological wonders in the park led me to take a couple of geology and environmental biology courses at UCLA and upon graduation, my degree major, business/economics, was supplemented with a minor in biology. I've continued to backpack the area to this day. The solitude of off-trail trekking, and truly getting away from the masses have been a welcome respite from my career that had me operating a real estate firm, headquartered in Japan and requiring travel through some of the most populous areas of Asia Huffing and puffing up Donahue or Cathedral passes provides ample, clear-headed opportunities to reflect on business strategies and career goals while at the same time reflecting on the fact that we are but a asterisk in the grand scheme of geologic time and our physical environment I'll always remember the delight of several Japanese businessmen and friends as they caught their first glimpse of Tenaya Lake far below as we peered over a granite outcroppings near Cathedral Lake or the thrill (and a little fright) as a bear ravaged our back packs in frustration of not being able to reach our "counter-balanced" foodstuffs. These are all lifetime experiences that cannot be had in a city crawling with people Likewise backpacking tests our mental and physical endurance. My longest and toughest test was a 14 day trip I took many years ago with a couple of like-minded buddies. We began our trip outside the park at Twin Lakes met up with the Tuolumne and followed it upstream to the Meadows, traversed Cathedral Pass (where we encountered 3-4' of snow in mid-July) and continued down through Little Yosemite Valley to Happy Isles I have used that trip as the basis of many "inspirational" talks to staff in offices from Japan to Shanghai to Kuala Lumpur.

In summary, I love the Tuolumne for its natural beauty, lessons learned about nature and our environment from Park Rangers, the solitude, stillness and perfect tranquility of the wilderness and the opportunity to remove ourselves from the hustle and bustle of daily life

Jay Kreitz

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Background: I have been visiting the Tuolumne Meadows area since the late 1950's, when I was a child. A have seen a lot of change. Some for the better. Some not.

Concerns:

1. High density road-side (multi-day) parking on Tioga Road near visitor center, during summer. This detracts from the experience and is hard on the road shoulder and invites meadowwalking.
2. Too many parallel trails in the meadow.

Suggestions:

1. Build a parking lot, out of sight from Tioga road for pack-packer and day-hiker/climber use.
2. Build up more raised "boardwalk" trails, to protect the fragile meadow surface, on the North and South side of the river.
3. Tuolumne Meadows campground is a gem. Improve the roads within the campground.
4. A few more bear boxes, please, at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge parking lot

Regards,

Ed Arnold

Naperville, IL

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Hi - please see the attached for my input on the upcoming Tuolumne Plan. Thank you very much for soliciting public input. Carolyn Vondriska



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I am writing from the perspective of someone who is raising a fourth generation of Tuolumne enthusiasts. My grandparents camped and fished there in the 40s, they raised their son (my father) there, I was raised camping, backpacking and fishing there in the 60s, 70s and 80s, and am now raising three children to enjoy the same. Throughout my lifetime, I have seen numerous changes to the Tuolumne area, many of them good. In my mind, Tuolumne is for Yosemite enthusiasts who want to experience the true wilderness of the Sierras at its finest.

The Yosemite Valley has enough amenities to satisfy the urban-dependent. It is the focal point from which all who need urban support can make day trips to the true wilderness. The Valley provides enough in the way of dining, shopping, and lodging to satisfy all of Yosemite's needs. And, at the center of the park, it provides an excellent "base camp" for those who want to enjoy these amenities yet still experience the outer regions of the park.

Because the Valley contains all that park visitors "need" in the way of amenities, I urge those implementing and developing the Tuolumne Plan to keep Tuolumne as undeveloped and pristine as possible. Having traveled extensively in my life, there is no place like it. There is no place I have seen where creeks and rivers are so clear and pure that you can identify fish swimming therein. There is no place I have visited where wild onions and lupine grow wild, never trampled upon by horse or by person. Over the years I have seen the growth of Tuolumne visitation, and that growth has been managed in a responsible way. As a child, it was common to visit high country without seeing another human being; those days are long over, yet the wilderness experience still survives. If we increase and expand the amenities found in the Valley, we will forever change the inherent nature of Tuolumne. Once that happens, it will never recover. Please think long and hard before you expand what Tuolumne is already offering to all those who seek it.



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We've always found that Tuolumne Meadows was just about right the way it is There are enough services, roads (e.g. Soda Springs) and campground. There certainly should not be any more!

Thanks!

Bob and Joan Benedetti

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Santa Monica, CA 90405

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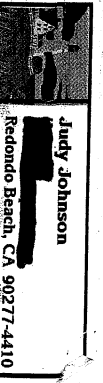
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So, please fix and keep the status quo. No more development. Continue with trail restoration and also removal & revegetation of old, unused trails. Also keep the Shuttle system. Use it as often as I can.

Thanks.



LONG BEACH CA 908

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Date of Comment: 8-22-06

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I am focusing on the Tuolumne Meadows Plan. I am 66 yrs old and have periodically visited the Sierras (and Yosemite) since childhood. Do not develop the Meadows to handle more people. It is fragile and can be ruined in the process of making room for more & more people. Develop other areas in the Sierras, link websites of national & state open space. Give discounts to "group" travelers ^{to go to} other less well-known areas. Rise to the challenge & keep us humans from killing Yosemite ^{& the meadows} by too many visitors.

(continue comments on back of page)

Do not ~~build~~ more permanent hotel/motel accommodations in the Meadows. Use more electric mini buses to move groups around. Have reservations to the Meadows accommodation on the websites + link to other sites so people can be diverted to use other park areas. Just say no to misusing or over using this one resource.

Thanks

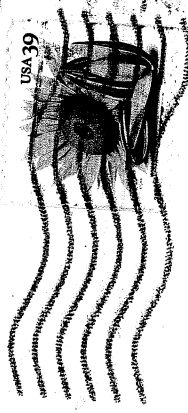
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Thanks.

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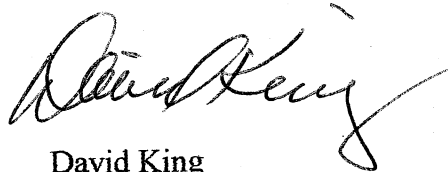
One of the most disturbing areas in Tuolumne Meadows is the parking area and outhouse adjacent to the trail to Glen Aulin. It's ugly, usually trashy, dusty and it stinks. I believe this is also a half-assed picnic area and starting off point for the Lember Dome Trail. I'm not sure this is a realistic place to even have a parking area. Green would be nice.

Please address this issue in the TRP and TMP EIS.

Also, The Muir Trail passes through the Tuolumne in the area near the general store, and this area, east and west for at least a quarter mile, is very messy with over-use paths that intersect all over the place. The Muir trail should be clarified and routed around the main Tuolumne Meadows Road (and the general store).

Please address this issue in the TRP and TMP EIS.

Please ensure I am on all mailing lists for hard copies of all pertinent information for this project. Thank you.



David King

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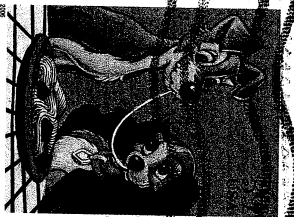
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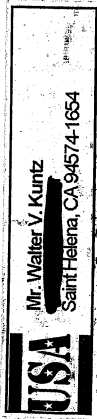
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Comments

We just spent 5 days at
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge. We try to make
up there every year, for the past 25 years
or so. I had recent heart procedure, so
didn't do too much, but started to Pot Hole down.
skirted the Meadow as the sign says, but NO
sign across the Meadow where numerous people
still walk, what's up with that? Many concerns
but will see what the committee comes up
with. beautiful this year!

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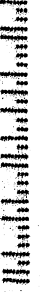


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Dear Planners -

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I am not sure where to send my comments so please forward them to the proper person(s).

Last Summer I was backpacking in to Tuolumne from the Tahoe-Yosemite trail. ~~When~~ When we got close to Tuolumne, suddenly the trails turned to mush.

Please get the horses off these trails. Either give horses their own area/trail, or make a new one for people.

Horses have wrecked the trails. Maybe horses should be saved for people who are paraplegic. I do not know. But they have ruined the trails around Tuolumne.

Bonnie Peterson

Elmhurst, IL 60126

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P. S.

I love the primitive nature of Tuolumne.
I backpack there.

The backpackers campground is great.

The store is great but don't ~~add~~ add tourist shops with junk (curios) - just keep the Tuolumne store as it is with primarily backpacking/camping "stuff."

Protect: Tenaya Lake, Tuolumne Meadows

Restore: trails - from horse damage.

Services: backpackers campground
store

free hiker bus

Bus to valley should also be free.

Bonnie Peterson

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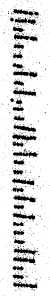
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I wish to share some thoughts about planning for Tuolumne Meadows restoration plan. Of course I agree that restoration of damaged areas is appropriate for your attention. But I hope that you will also consider the appropriate use of this special area. To me its joy is primarily because it is a place for reflection and inspiration. Recreation (hiking, fishing and rock climbing) is also important as long as it does not impinge on the first two. But it should not be a place for group tourism. The Valley, Glacier Point and Olmsted Point serve that purpose nicely. So any pressure for providing eating and shopping places should be ignored. Also I question the need for the grocery and gas station. Facilities such as these not only detract from the mood of place but also require staff housing which puts additional pressure on this fragile area. But the pack station and the High Sierra Camp should be protected because they are both historical and cannot be seen from the meadows themselves. Lastly, I question the wisdom of offering anything other than tent camping in the campground.
Gerald W. Olmsted

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Dear Toulumne River Plan:

At one extreme you could close the road simply ban all people. This would assure the Toulumne River would remain Wild and Scenic (though unseen). At the other extreme you could allow full development.

I have visited Toulumne more that 20 times starting in the early 1970.

My minimum recommendations for Toulumne River Plan are:

- 1) Keep the campground and reservation system exactly as it is. The Campground is the best connection (lowest impact per person) of the public to enjoy the Wild and Scenic (being seen) nature of the Toulumne River.
- 2) Keep the A loop of the campground exactly as it is. In the Campground, the A loop is the very best connection of the public to the Wild and Scenic (being seen) designation of Toulumne River.
- 3) Remove all other housing and services to Lee Vining. A visitor center on 120 near Lee Vining would be fine. I estimate this cuts the human population of Toulumne in about half.

These three changes optimally achieve the Wild (cut the average human population in half) and Scenic (being seen) designation of Toulumne River.

Finally, as each camper comes to the Toulumne Campground they should be issued a dishwashing bucket (\$10 deposit) with instructions how to use it. This should be done at the Kiosk in front of the children in the car. This will massively reduce the dumping of dishwater and food particle near the river. The total cost for 1000 very nice wide shallow buckets with handles would be \$2000.00

Sincerely,

Robert Otis Green

Palmdale, CA 93551

The **Tuolumne River Plan** will provide broad management guidance and establish the overall

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goals and vision for the river corridor. Its policy directives will guide future management and amend the Yosemite National Park General Management Plan for the Tuolumne River area. The 54 miles of the Tuolumne River in Yosemite National Park was federally designated as a Wild and Scenic River in 1984.

The **Tuolumne Meadows Plan** is an implementation-level plan. It will focus on the types and levels of visitor services and activities offered in the vicinity of Tuolumne Meadows. It will also delineate which areas may be targeted for restoration.



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Dear Sirs,

Having lived in Fresno most of my younger life, I was "raised " on Yosemite all months of the year. Tuolumne Meadows was our favorite camping area then and remains now with my own grown family and grandchildren. It is a spectacular area for camping, hiking, fishing, and horseback riding and should remain easily accessable for all to enjoy. Improved campsites, services(including the store and information area), trails, roads, Ranger-led hikes and info sessions, campfires, and more.... all of these add to the wonderful experience of Tuolumne Meadows for individuals and families. The only thing that I might suggest is to encourage the large campers to stay at Saddlebag. Also, why isn't the

Badger Pass ski area used for camping in the summer? Thanks for asking.

Dennis Widman

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I received your letter in the mail asking for comments regarding the Tuolumne River/Tuolumne Meadows areas.

My main comment would be to keep it the way it is as far as fewer facilities, fewer crowds. Don't let it become like Yosemite Valley, which is of course spectacular but overrun with tourists. The parking lot at the general store is always impacted, but otherwise the facilities at Tuolumne meadows seem adequate. The currently existing trail quotas strike a good balance between preservation and accessibility. The currently posted signs and trail system around Tuolumne meadows seem effective in preventing trampling of the area.

Thanks,
Bryan Huang
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San Diego, CA 92109

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to whom it may concern,

i'm attaching my comments as a word document. please let me know if there's a problem. thank
you,

paget valentzas

san francisco, ca 94102



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I love Tuolumne Meadows. I love the tranquility I feel when I stand in the middle of it watching the storm clouds amass over Dana or when the colors transform at sunset. I love having the entire meadow to myself at dusk. I enjoy watching deer graze, ground squirrels race and marmots scamper into their jumbles of rocks. I enjoy taking an icy but invigorating dip off one of the granite slabs in the rapids into a deep pool after a long run or hike. My heart warms at the variety of wildflowers I saw and learned the names to this summer.

I just spent a month at Tuolumne Meadows as a volunteer for YA and would like to share my observations.. I am not a biologist, chemist, environmentalist, botanist. Still, I have lots of thoughts.

First and foremost—DO NOT DEVELOP. We don't need another Yosemite Valley. Most of the visitors I spoke to over the summer come from the SF Bay Area, the LA area, or European countries that have dense populations. All marveled at the level of wildness here. We appreciate the way the NPS has managed to have 750000 visitors pass through the Tioga Road each year, while maintaining a relatively small human footprint. The Park Service has done a superlative job maintaining the balance between preserving the pristine nature of TM while providing access to all who pass. Please, please, please do not do a bunch of developing. The seasonal human impact on TM with months to refresh each winter enables the meadows to recover from the impact several months of human visitation has.

Having said that, I realize some changes must be made and I enumerate my thoughts on several issues.

HORSES and MULES Ideally, I'd like them out of the park. They tear up the trails something awful and foul the water. The park is surrounded by National Forest—land of many uses—let people on pack trips go there. I do realize there's cultural history linking them to the parks however, and that they carry heavy loads for workers in the backcountry. If you can't totally get them out of the park, at least KEEP THEM OUT OF THE MEADOW!!! I would propose limiting them to just a few trails—say the High Sierra Camps loop, and the John Muir Trail except as they are used by Park Service for maintenance work.

STRUCTURES: Don't change much. The temporary nature of the structures helps keep Tuolumne wild. Above all, DO NOT move the employee housing to Lee Vining! The idea of forcing rangers and other employees to commute, squander precious fossil fuel, add traffic to Tioga Pass is preposterous. In addition to the ridiculous environmental impacts such a move would have, there would be a harmful cultural impact. Currently, the rangers and their families are a core part of the TM community. Their presence outside work hours gives the meadows some continuity. They belong to the place. Plus, they deserve a perk for their hard work, long hours... They're around on their time off—exploring, learning, observing. They know what wildflowers are blooming where, when etc. It would also be impractical. I love the early morning (7am) ranger walks and the nighttime (9:30) stargazing. What rangers are going to want to drive home after that? I

don't have a strong feeling about permatizing the store, p.o. and grill but fear that developing these structures would lead to enlarging, improving, and changing the nature of the place.

CAMPGROUND BATHROOMS: The plumbing in the campgrounds MUST be overhauled. Would it be possible to convert the facilities at the campgrounds, tm lodge, and Lemberd dome to composting toilets like at Vogelsang? It seems like that would greatly reduce the amount of sewage to deal with and Yosemite could and should be at the forefront of educating visitors about the impact we have. I like there being no lights or electrical outlets at the bathrooms, but what about having electrical blow driers for drying your hands. Could you get enough solar power off the roofs to power those?

SHOWERS: It is not realistic to expect campers and backpackers to go to the lodge office and pay \$4, then take their showers between 12 and 3—especially when nobody's enforcing. At the same time, it's not fair for Lodge guests who are paying \$85 dollars to have to wait in large queues for a shower. Also, the shower floors get very nasty. Still, the showers should be a little tough to get to so they're not overused like they'd be if they were in all the camp bathrooms. A few ideas:

1. Install a big multi-shower room (like in school locker rooms) with a big changing room slightly removed. This is more sanitary and efficient-- people don't have to wait for people to change to get into the shower. Leave one or 2 private stalls for modest people.
2. Make all the showers coin-operated (Lodge guests could receive tokens) to control time and offset the expense.
3. Install a shower house in the bathroom by the store and grill following the guidelines from above.

PARKING: This is a big mess. You want to have some easy access to people passing by, but seeing the cars parked along the meadow is a huge eyesore. You may not want huge, ugly parking lots, however I favor concentrating the ugly beasts in a few places to having them strewn out all along the Tioga Road. Hiding them as has been done at Dog Lake Parking seems very effective. I'd support putting back the lot at Cathedral Lakes Trailhead, enlarging the Visitors' Center Lots and expanding parking to 2 or 3 hours (it seems crazy to tell people who stop at the VC to take a quick hike to send them driving 200 yards east to park at the side of the road to catch the trail to Parson's Lodge!!) and closing off parking at the Parson's Lodge trailhead.

SHUTTLES: I love the shuttles but they are way under-utilized! Increasing the frequency of the runs might well increase ridership. For campers who want to zip to the store for something or go take a shower, knowing they'll have to wait 30 minutes for the next shuttle can dissuade them from taking the shuttle. They are also not well-publicized. The drivers are great and full of information but you have to get on your first shuttle to find that out.

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- Keep horses out of the meadow and reduce number of trails they are permitted on
- What about converting the trail from Tioga Rd. to Parsons to a boardwalk? Then, you wouldn't have that dyke preventing water from passing east to west. It would be more attractive. It would discourage people from creating new ruts, going off-trail. It would provide easier wheelchair access as far as the bridge.
- Social trails about the meadow: If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Select a couple of the social trails that are deeply rooted, and make them into official trails—perhaps ones starting from camp store, camping reservations, and Tioga Rd. at Elizabeth Lake that all link up so people with short time can do a loop. Maybe these could be made into narrow boardwalks so they don't get so terribly rutted and so people don't create new ruts.
- I understand wanting to keep the meadow pristine, but we should also appreciate the fact that hundreds of thousands of people pass by each year, and for many, a walk in the meadow is their only experience in the high country. Going home with an appreciation of nature may lead them to support environmental issues in politics.

YIKES, OUT OF TIME...THE DEADLINE'S COMING UP. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Sincerely,

Paget Valentzas

[REDACTED]
San Francisco, CA 94102
[REDACTED]



"Marge Blaine"

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My large family has gathered at Tuolumne Meadows each summer for more than twenty years. Even before that I remember going there as a child with my parents. We are not campers and have always appreciated being able to stay in the tent cabins at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

We urge you to include that kind of facility in your future plan for Tuolumne. We urge you further not to diminish the existing number or quality of that kind of facility. Keep in mind that there are many of us who are now elderly, too young or handicapped in some other way to endure the hardships required for camping without the level of facilities available at the Lodge.

Over the years we and our family members have appreciated enormously the opportunity to enjoy the High Sierra Camps. Once again these experiences would be impossible for those like us, without the facilities at the High Camps.

We love visiting the Parson's Lodge and the old soda springs enclosure. Those visits have become a tradition for us. A visit to the store for an ice cream after several days of "roughing it" takes on the aura of a special treat. Our favorite hikes on wonderful trails have become rites of passage for the young ones in our family, even as we elders decide it's getting a little hard for us.

We need places in our lives to refresh not only our bodies, but also our souls. Tuolumne Meadows is such a place. We look forward each summer to absorbing it all with all of our senses. And we remember it throughout the year until we can refresh ourselves again.

My husband and I recall an incident at the Tioga Road Park entrance a few years ago. We stood and listened as an older Ranger answered two young men in a red convertible. He said, "Yes, I guess that's right. That's all there is - rocks, water and trees." They laughed at him, "OK then. That's it! I guess we've seen it all". As they roared off the old Ranger smiled at us and said, "... but it's put together in such a beautiful way". We smiled our agreement as we started off on our trail for the day's hike.

Please don't ever take convenient access to Tuolumne Meadows away from us. It is a precious gift that we and our family appreciate each year.

Sincerely

Marge Huneke Blaine
[REDACTED]
Menlo Park, CA 94025

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Marcus Libkind

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Superintendent
ATTN: Tuolumne Planning

Please consider the following when you are preparing the Tuolumne River Plan and Tuolumne Meadows Plan.

1. Get parked cars off the shoulder of Tioga Pass Road. It's an eye sore. Construct some designated parking areas at key locations (e.g. trailheads) and post the road "no parking". Locating parking only at trailheads will also help reduce the number of people that trample the meadows.
2. The Tuolumne campground could use some attention. In particular, people seemed to park just about anywhere.

Sincerely,

Marcus Libkind

Livermore, CA 94550

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"Going to the mountains is going home." John Muir

"To know the Wilderness is to know a profound humility." Howard Zahniser

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I have been visiting Tuolumne Meadows for 55 years, camping, lodging, and backpacking. The NPS does a wonderful job of protecting the area from those of us who love it.

Two limited things come to my mind in terms of possible improvements to facilities:

- 1) The women's toilet facilities for Tuolumne Meadows Lodge are inadequate. More toilets are needed. There shouldn't be lines of women waiting during even the busiest part of the season.
- 2) Would it be possible to provide a parking area for people hiking to the Cathedral Lake area from the Meadows? Now, cars are left haphazardly on both sides of the road. I don't know if there have been accidents due to this congestion, but that area is certainly an eyesore.

Thank you.

Phil Olivier

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Project Name: Tuolumne Wild & Scenic

(Please use a separate form or sheet of paper for each project you are commenting on)

Name: Hilda Kundell

Date of Comment: 8/30/06

Address: [REDACTED], New York, NY 10024

COMMENTS

① Enforce speed limits, especially from Yosemite Valley to Crane Flats. Educate public & start giving tickets for speeding.

② Need more frequent public transportation available from Yosemite Valley, Lee Vining to Tuolumne. Intermodal transportation to Yosemite is ~~solely~~ ^{solely} packing. You can't decrease impact of cars unless you make ^{the} park ^{more} accessible via public transportation.

④ What I like about Tuolumne:
Hiking, scenery, serenity, fact that there is something for all, from nonhikers to backpackers.

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- (5) The current environment is quite good.
- (6) Tuolumne Meadows Store -
Could be relocated to accommodate more parking, but less environmental impact if possible.
- (7) ~~Mark~~ Mark traditional cultural areas,
pending to greater understanding of ~~how~~
indigenous peoples' ~~have~~ relationship with
the area.
- (8) Tuolumne Lodge & High Sierra Camps -
Keep as they are!

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Name: Gwen Cagnolatti

Date of Comment: 8-30-06

Address: Long Beach CA

COMMENTS

Please build into the road way system as many guard rails as possible to make the trek up the mountain more comfortable for travelers.

It's wonderful experiencing the final destinations but so scary getting here. This will probably be my last visit but I am so enjoying your efforts thus far.

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Name: Lisa Murphy Date of Comment: 8/29/06
Address: [REDACTED] Yosemite CA 95389

Comments

Things to preserve/protect:

• the wilderness experience - Leave smallest trace possible

• the meadow - (concerned about the # of use trails & the amount of people impacting the meadow on a daily basis in the summer)

*most people are unaware of their impact - better signage & education necessary in my opinion.

• The river corridor - the wilderness experience along the river, (low impact)

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- the ability to live & work in this area in a low impact way. (tent cabins / little cabins Not dorm ~~is~~) With a choice of preference of Tent or "hard sided" cabin.

Things I wonder if there are better ways to do:

- Sewage treatment:

Does the sewage pipes need to go across the river.

→ In both Tuolumne & White Wolf

(Middle Fork of the Tuolumne)

- Signage / education regarding meadow sensitivity.

- Can we do ~~not~~ composting toilets rather than flush (Glen Aulin, White Wolf, Tuolumne, as well as trail heads.)

- Busses / transportation from Valley to Tuolumne & White Wolf - Multiple times day & evening. better Access that's carless.
(Bio diesel in diesel hybrids = ↓ emissions)

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- Trash bin & recycling - Seems like ~~the~~ the recycling is always overflowing (large dumpster size in Hodgdon NPS housing area is wonderful - "all in one" recycling) It works well there, can ^{those} ~~it~~ go into campgrounds as well?

- Stables - do NPS & Concession stables need to be separate or could NPS move their operation to be near the DNC concession.

• I'm worried about Hetchy Stables being moved. I hear SF is pushing to move the NPS stables closer to the ^{Tuolumne} river below the dam. I think this will have a larger impact on the river & the riparian area in the ~~Pawnauna~~ Valley.

→ You may continue your comments on any clean sheet of paper ←

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Name: Charlie Laird

Date of 8/28/06

Comment: _____

Address: [REDACTED] Dunedin, FL 34698

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Comments

The greatest thing about Tuolumne Meadows is that is more or less undisturbed for 9 months of the year so that when you have the ^{privilege} ~~privilege~~ of visiting the meadows during the brief 3 month season you see it mostly as nature has left it. Everything should be done to keep it as "natural" as possible. Please no more commercial enterprises. The facilities (gas station, store, grill, lodge + campground) seem to ~~be~~ provide for the needs of those who are really interested in nature and experiences in nature. Tuolumne not only provides a unique experience for visitors who want to walk around for a day with

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their families, but also for those who use it as a gateway to backcountry wilderness.

I realize that it is difficult to maintain an area that is "snowless" for only several months a year but things that could be improved are campground roads, adding heat + lights in the bathrooms + getting repairs done on broken or faulty water pipes and/or systems within the campground on a more timely basis.

There should also be better coordination between various divisions within the NPS staff in the park. I speak as one who has recently volunteered in the Park.

There needs to be management of the # of folks allowed in the backcountry; my experience has been that a good job is being done in this area. The trailhead bearboxes + other trailhead services seem to be ~~a~~ more or less adequate.

On the other hand, trail maintenance, even in such places as between the road + Parsons Lodge needs to be improved and some signage could be improved.

Some of the problems + needs seem to be resulting, at least in part, because of inadequate staffing levels. And we all know that there must be more money allocated to the NPS + the Parks in order to do the things that could be done better and/or improvements that could be made.

This is a great place, unique on earth. It should be left as natural as possible, but some improvements in current facilities could be made.

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Name: Sevre Stember

Date of Comment: August 28

Address: [REDACTED] Duluth MN 55811

Comments

Tuolumne Meadows is one of the most pristine and isolated parts of the Park. It is far from Yosemite Valley in terms of economic interests, development, visitation and infrastructure. It is my hope that Tuolumne Meadows can remain a low traffic and ~~low~~ minimal/no development area. Also, I feel that the high Sierra Camps are not preserving or protecting the natural ecosystem in the high country. The horse traffic, feces, cutting of trees and brush are intrusive to the views/preservation of the area.

It is my hope that Tuolumne Meadows remains open to the public but also preserved in a very low impact way. I also feel that the gas station should be removed to limit the traffic and pollution.

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Name: Scott Allen Rysdahl
Comment: 8/28/06

Date of

Address: [REDACTED]
Duluth, MN 55811

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Comments ^{summer}

After having spent the entire ^{summer} in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Northeastern Minnesota working as a Wilderness Ranger for the U.S. Forest Service, I have come to appreciate the importance of preserving wilderness in this country. The Tuolumne River Region is such a unique and beautiful area and, I feel, one that must be preserved at all costs. Wilderness should be wild, and thus remain as undeveloped as possible while still allowing public access. In addition to halting development, I believe that efforts should be made to roll back and remove humanity's myriad effects on this truly special area. Please, whatever the planning committee decides, keep this wilderness as wild and untouched as possible.

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Name: Brian Mattos

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Address: _____

Fish Camp, CA 93623

Comments

Thank you for your planning efforts for the Tuolumne WSR + the Tuolumne area. I am disheartened that the planning "bar" is set so high to require such efforts. I would much rather see effort & funding put toward projects that park managers identify as important, rather than projects being funded based on appeal risk.

With visitation decreasing statewide I feel that VERP makes more sense than ever.

Family-friendly facilities are important to me.

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Comments

Tuolumne Meadow Plan project area should encompass entire corridor from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass.

There is a tendency for visitors to move back and forth within this corridor, thus what happens in one part of it tends to have an effect (impact) on other parts of it.

Especially true of transportation. Shuttle system should cover that entire ~~section~~ segment of the road (from Olmsted to the Pass).

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Name: GALE Jaffe

Date of Comment: 8/15/06

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments

My partner + I ^{have} come here every year since 1983 to climb + fish. We hope that these activities will continue to be encouraged in the park.

The camp ground facilities need improvement especially the bathrooms. Shower facilities would also be appreciated. It is difficult to use those at the lodge between 1 + 3 when they are available.

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Name: TANIA VOYEVIDKA Date of Comment: 8/17/06

Address: [REDACTED] RENO, NV 89501

Comments

- KEEP THE # OF VISITORS AT, OR BELOW CURRENT LEVELS (I'M WILLING TO WAIT LONGER TO GET ACCESS W/ FEWER PEOPLE)
- BIG CAMPER'S W/ GENERATORS, ETC... IT'S NOISE POLLUTION (TURNING ON @ NIGHT OR EARLY AM/LATE PM) WOULD APPRECIATE A LIMIT ON # & SIZE OF THEM. USE A TENT!
- MAYBE HAVE MORE BUSES IN THE PARK & MAKE PEOPLE LEAVE THEIR CARS OUTSIDE THE PARK... LESS OIL DRIPPING, FEWER EMISSIONS = CLEANER AIR & H₂O